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SUBJECT: ULSTER WORKERS COUNCIL

FOLLOWING TRANSMITTED BY CONSULATE GENERAL BELFAST:

1. CONGEN ON MAY 22 DISCUSSED WITH NI OFFICE HERE WHO AND WHAT ULSTER WORKERS COUNCIL IS. SOURCE SAID, "THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION." NI OFFICE VIEW IS AS FOLLOWS: UWC IS COMPOSED OF "EXTREME PROTESTANTS." VANGUARDS CRAIG AND BAIRD ARE "OF IT BUT NOT IN IT; IN A SENSE THEY CAN MANIPULATE IT," BUT CANNOT COMMAND IT. VANGUARD ITSELF IS "ALLIED" WITH UWC, PROVIDED IT CERTAIN SUPPORT; E.G., MEETING PLACE.

2. MATERIALS PROVIDED BY NI OFFICE SUGGEST UWC IS OUTGROWTH OF AND SUCCESSOR TO LOYALISTS ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS, WHICH BECAME DISCREDITED AMONG PROTESTANT WORKERS FOR SEVERAL REASONS. AMONG THESE WERE DISILLUSION WITH BILLY HULL AS LEADER AND PREPONDERANT

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INFLUENCE OF UDA IN LAW AFFAIRS. ALSO RELEVANT SEEM

TO BE DISASTERS AND FAILURES ASSOCIATED WITH LAW,  
INCLUDING MURDER OF FIREMAN WHILE FIGHTING A FIRE DURING  
LAW DEMO, APATHY TOWARD SEVERAL LAW WORK STOPPAGES AND  
EMBEZZLEMENT OF LAW FUNDS.

3. MANY LEADING UWC FIGURES CAME OVER FROM LAW: JIM  
MURRAY, JIM SMITH, HUGH PETRIE.

4. UWC MODUS OPERANDI HAS BEEN TO CONCENTRATE ON GAIN-  
ING SUPPORT AND MEMBERSHIP FROM STRATEGICALLY PLACED  
WORKERS, E.G., POWER STATION WORKERS, RATHER THAN MASS  
RECRUITMENT AND TO KEEP CARDS CLOSE TO CHEST. PRESENT  
STRIKE SAID BY MURRAY TO BE FIVE MONTHS IN PLANNING.SOHM

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